

April 12, 1921

Rev. F. R. Falconer,
P.O.B. 215,
Ketchikan,
Alaska.

My dear Fred,

Yours of the second has just come to hand with enclosed clippings. You are certainly in a good state of mind, all of you there at Ketchikan, to be inspected and get help from the Prohibition Bureau. I hope that our visit to that Bureau may bring speedy results.

I am still planning to start from here the 26th of this month to arrive in Alaska from the 10th to the 15th of May. I expect to arrive at Seattle about the 4th or 5th of May.

I cannot make an extended stay in Ketchikan but shall only touch there as I go through and shall make all haste to Wrangell, but hope to have a good visit with you later in the summer.

I am writing to my sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Young, by this mail. I am sorry I could not have met with the Presbytery. I shall also have to miss the meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon which convenes this month at Cordova.

Most cordially yours,

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Presbyterian Mission

REV. F. R. FALCONER, MISSIONARY
P. O. BOX 215

Ketchikan, Alaska, April 25, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon D. D.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

There is nothing to add to the enclosed report is far as the work is concerned. Regarding the amount we are expected to raise on the field this year I might say that we will not be able to do much toward that for several months or until fall. In the meantime we all keep well and happy and look forward with hope to the future.

I suppose you have heard so much about Metlakatla that you may possibly not care to have me mention it, yet I feel like asking your forbearance while I give my little experience.

When I came to Ketchikan nearly two years ago, I confess I was somewhat prejudiced against Mr. Marsden and the Metlakatla situation. Since then I have watched the development of matters with considerable interest and I have been filled with admiration for the way in which Mr. Marsden has handled the situation and for the stand so many of the people have taken in declaring their independence of the old regime. Credit must be given Mr. Marsden for his leadership in marshaling 170 odd of the Metlakatla people into the Presbyterian ranks against what would, apparently, be their financial interests, for in so doing he and his followers have incurred the displeasure of the trustees of the Duncan estate, and of the Duncan followers, who would deprive them of any benefit from the will, if possible.

I have met quite a number of the members of the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church, and without exception, they are showing a fine christian spirit, and are proving themselves head and shoulders above those who are opposing them.

I have talked with employees of the Government school at Metlakatla and they tell me the Presbyterian services are most interesting, helpful, and well attended. It seems to me it is only a matter of time till the Metlakatla situation will solve itself. There has been a remarkable growth of interest, and progress made, in the work there. And there are no selfish motives on the part of the people either, as it would be more to their temporal interest to remain with the other element, it seems to me.

While this will not help in any way to clear up the Metlakatla situation, it is at least an expression of my views regarding it.

Sincerely yours,

F. R. Falconer.

Later.

Since writing the above, Mr. Marsden called with the enclosed Report of doings at Metlakatla, and asked me to make a copy for you.

F. R. F.

May 11, 1921.

Rev. F. R. Falconer,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Falconer:-

I have your letter of April the twenty-fifth and am much interested in its contents. I am gratified at the personal testimony that you are able to give concerning the work at Metlakatla. There is no other thought or wish here but to see the very best in both Mr. Marsden and the Metlakatlan situation. If it be wholly right, or even on the whole the best for the Board of Home Missions to contribute towards Mr. Marsden's salary, I sincerely hope it will be done.

As you know, \$1,000. has been voted to that field. I shall see to it that Dr. Marquis gets your letter as well as your report, and the copy which you have kindly sent of Bishop Rowe's address to the people on April twenty-third last. The Bishop is, in my judgment, ecclesiastically and theoretically as much within his duty in starting and maintaining an Episcopal Mission as the Presbytery is in starting a Presbyterian Church. I am far from being sure that it is altogether right in a little community like Metlakatla to have so many Christian organizations.

I rejoice with you in the receiving of three persons into the membership of the Ketchikan church and the baptism of four infants at Saxman.

We are very sorry here that hard times have struck Alaska,

F.R.Falconer—2

May 11, 1921.

but the whole country and especially the East is very hard hit. All of our business men are blue.

Very sincerely yours,

JD/I.

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The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH 1921

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary F.R. Falconer P. O. Address { Ketchikan, Alaska
 Name of Presbytery Alaska { Box 215

STATISTICAL REPORT

In the *Statistical Report*, under "Names of Churches and Stations," please write the name of each preaching place, following each in the spaces on the same line with information as to the quarter's work.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND STATIONS	PREACHING SERVICES				OTHER SERVICES				MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR MISSIONARY STUDY AND PRAYER	Number of Pastoral Calls	MEMBERS RECEIVED		BAPTISMS	
	SABBATH		MID-WEEK		SABBATH		MID-WEEK				On Ex.	OnCer.	Adult	Infant
	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.						
									SUBJECTS	Ave. Att.				
Ketchikan	2	23	1	15					We hold no special	15	0	0	0	
Kasaan	2	30							meeting for this	20	0	0	0	
Saxman	0								purpose but speak					
									of missions and pray					
									for the work frequently					

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. **Both sides of this sheet may be used.**

The work of the past quarter shows about as much progress as could be expected under the circumstances. During April the missionary was absent from the field in attendance at the meeting of Presbytery at Juneau.

At Ketchikan the services were continued, during this period, by his wife assisted by several of the Indians who took turns at leading the services. The interest has kept up quite well notwithstanding the unsettled state of the people who, during these months, are much of the time away from their homes fishing. When they come to town they usually find their way to a church service if there is one on. We have also been encouraged by reports of meetings in camp conducted by the Saxman Church Elders. Also letters have been written to some of the people in camp, encouraging them to hold fast and keep the good work going. If the gain made in the winter can be held during the trying summer months there is cause for hope.

The absence of the people from their homes accounts for the smaller number than usual in attendance at the services.

The unsettled state of the people holds true at Kasaan also. On my last trip there I found a deserted village. The people were all at Grindell trolling for king salmon. Early Saturday morning they brought to the village for burial, the body of a young man who had been sick all winter. We buried him before breakfast. On Sunday we held our services at camp on the beach in the open air. About us were men coming and going between the beach and their gas-boats, anchored near by. Some of the women were working with their sea-weed which they had gathered at extreme low tide, and dried on the rocks during the week. They were packing it in empty coal-oil tins. A small quantity of sea-weed was placed in the

can and pressed down with the bare feet of a ten or twelve years old girl. Then a few twigs of cedar were put in, followed by more sea-weed and more bare feet, till the can is filled. A heavy weight is then placed on top which completes the pressing process. Later the thick solid cakes are removed from the can, thoroughly dried in the sun and stored away for winter use. It forms a very wholesome article of food.

The women over there are getting rather tired of camp life and are beginning to return to their homes. Soon however they will be going off on their berry picking trips. They like to come and go as the spirit of the changing seasons moves them, always gathering food as they go, for the coming winter.

The Saxman village is entirely deserted from late in February till some time in the fall.

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Presbyterian Mission

REV. F. R. FALCONER, MISSIONARY
P. O. BOX 215

Ketchikan, Alaska,

Oct. 5, 1921

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Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

It is 11.20 P.M. but as I am leaving for Kasaan in the morning, I must get this letter and report off to-night.

There is nothing to add to the report but I want to take this opportunity of sending to you a word of appreciation of the good service Dr. Young has rendered us during his visit here. I am expecting him back again soon and we will then visit Saxman and Kasaan, the only points, I believe, in the whole Presbytery, which he has not yet reached.

I often wonder how it is possible for you people back in New York to get a very clear understanding of conditions in this far off land. I am sure that Dr. Young, with his full knowledge of conditions as they were, and his present opportunity of getting into close personal touch with the men on their fields and so learn, first hand, of conditions as they are now, will be able to make clear to the Board just what is needed, and what should be done for the furtherance of the work of our Presbytery.

We have enjoyed Dr. Young's stay among us very much. We believe he is our "best friend", as the natives would say, because he understands us better than any other. We believe his summer in Alaska will result in much good for the land he loves so well. We wish for him many more years of service for the land we Alaskans all love so well.

Sincerely yours,

F. R. Falconer

OCT 13 1921

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH 1921

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned.

Name of Missionary F.R. Falconer

P. O. Address

Ketchikan, AlaskaName of Presbytery AlaskaBox 215

STATISTICAL REPORT

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	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.							
Ketchikan	2	20	I	10					We held no special meeting for this purpose but spoke of and prayed for the work frequently.	10	0	0	0	0	
Kasaan	2	25	I	20	I	23				15	0	0	0	0	
Saxman	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0	

GENERAL REPORT

In the *General Report*, please give some details of the various departments of the work, with its trials and encouragements, and any facts or incidents that will inform the Board as to the field, or interest the Home Mission givers throughout the Church at large. Both sides of this sheet may be used.

The Statistical Report for this quarter is below the average. On the Ketchikan Station, some of our people who have been most faithful in the work, and who have always been able to find work in town, have been obliged, this summer, to seek employment elsewhere, so making the possibility of visitation and personal touch by the missionary, more difficult. This is true also of Kasaan. The cannery at Kasaan did not operate this season. The people spent part of the summer at Karta Bay. What marketable fish they were able to catch they sold to the Cold Storage and Mild Curing Cos.. Many of them did not make enough, above their actual living expenses, to pay for the gasoline they used. This does not mean that their gasoline bills are unpaid but that they were not always able to get it when needed because of the lack of ready money. There is one redeeming thing in the Kasaan situation, however; the women, while in camp, gathered greater quantities of wild berries, and smoked more fish, than they have in many years past. This, with the vegetables raised in the little home gardens, will help greatly in getting through the winter.

Saxman has been deserted all summer. Many of the Saxman people went to Pillar Bay for the summer. They were, I believe, even less successful in their fishing operations than the people of Kasaan. Some of them are still stranded there, 185 miles from home, unable to get enough gasoline to bring them that distance. George McKay, a Saxman Elder, made the trip with his wife and little girl, in a small row-boat, in the worst rain and wind storms of the season. He was nineteen days on the way, reaching home short of "grub" and "no cent in my pocket". He smiled as he told me of \$5.00 he had left at home when he started out in the Spring, which would keep him going till he could get off hunting and trapping.

October 17, 1921.

Rev. F. R. Falconer,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

I have your good letter of October the fifth, with your report. We think here, especially in the East, that the times are very hard. There are millions of men and women out of employment and business men complain seriously of the lack of trade and there is not much prospect of any great improvement this fall and winter. But doubtless you know all about that. However, we seem to be in a good deal better condition than the Indians under your care. I pray that He who cares for us all may have your people in His special care and that no one of them may seriously suffer during the winter before us.

We appreciate your generous words concerning Dr. Young. We know that he is worthy. No one has a greater love for Alaska than he, and no one is in a better position to advise the Board with regard to Alaska than Dr. Young. He has sent a partial report and promises us a further statement of what he has seen and heard and what he thinks ought to be done. You and all our friends may count very confidently upon the Board giving very sympathetic consideration to all that Dr. Young may say and up to the measure of its ability will do all that he may recommend for the territory.

With heartiest good wishes, I am, as ever

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Cordially yours,

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 1921

Please forward this report to the Secretary promptly after the date mentioned

Name of Missionary T. E. Ketchikan P. O. Address Ketchikan
 Name of Presbytery Alaska Alaska, Box 111

STATISTICAL REPORT

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	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.	No.	Ave. Att.								
Ketchikan	1	45	1	15					We held no special	20	0	0	0	0		
Kasaan	2	50	1	40	1	25			meeting for this	50	0	0	0	0		
Saxman	2	70	0	0	0	0			purpose but spoke of the work at our regular meetings from time to time.	20	3	0	2	3		

GENERAL REPORT

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The work during the past quarter has made good progress on all stations, with the possible exception of Ketchikan. The situation at Ketchikan is peculiar and somewhat difficult to manage. We spend a week at Kasaan every month and between times we go to Saxman every Sunday for the services, morning and afternoon. This leaves but one service for Ketchikan on Sunday while during the rest of the day our people are at the mercy of the Salvation Army, which is entirely in the hands of natives, under native leadership, with nearly every member a sergeant or something else. Then we have things like the following to contend with. A Kasaan family, members of our Kasaan church, is spending the winter at Ketchikan. The mother, - a Metlakatla woman, - is not well; the father and the two older children attend our services; I have baptised all three children. Recently the mother was baptised in the Episcopal church without my knowledge; the husband told me of it sometime latter. However, notwithstanding these distracting circumstances, something is being accomplished; we have a number of people who are steadfast and faithful in their work. The moral conditions generally among the Ketchikan natives is vastly better than it was two or three years ago. We thank God and press on to greater things.

At Kasaan there is an increasing interest in the church and in spiritual things. The visit of Dr. Young to that field in November was a Red Letter experience in the church life of the people. They were encouraged to press on in their christian life and work. They were also given to hope that, as soon as possible, a lay worker would be placed among them. They need some one to be with them all the time. A monthly visit by a pastor living thirty miles distant is not enough for them. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated the Sunday Dr. Young was with us at Kasaan.

Between the pastor's visits the Y.P.S.C.F., with the help of the elders, hold regular C.E. meetings; also song services are frequently held. We are fortunate in having a good organist at Kasan. She is a fine christian woman, a product of the Sitka school. We have bright hopes for the future of the Kasan Mission.

The Saxman People returned home early in November. Since then we have made regular trips to Saxman, missing but one Sunday when the condition of the weather was such that it was impossible to get there. The work at Saxman is perhaps the most encouraging of all. The people have taken a new interest in life generally. I do not know of one Saxman native who does not profess to be a christian. Some of them may not be making much of a success at it, but they are all trying, and some of them doing well. Even the lone white man, married to a native woman, - is a christian. The improvement at Saxman is seen also in the homes of the people and in the better appearance of the village. Many of the houses have been repaired, the sidewalk is kept in good condition, the brush has been cut out and even the empty tin cans, found in every part of Alaska, are being gathered up and disposed of. The town council functions more or less efficiently, and application is being made for the incorporation of the town so that the people may have the experience of self-government on a small scale.

Mrs Falconer and I attended the Christmas celebration at Saxman on Christmas eve. It was one of the best we have ever attended. The natives had charge of the whole thing, preparing the program and all. On Christmas morning we had the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and received three new members into the church family. I might add here that once during the quarter we celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's at Ketchikan also.

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Presbyterian Mission

REV. F. R. FALCONER, MISSIONARY
P. O. BOX 215

Ketchikan, Alaska, January 25, 1922

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

Please find enclosed my report for quarter ending December 31, 1921. It covers the ups and downs of the situation here pretty well and there is nothing to add to it. A full report of our Christmas doings was sent to Joan P. Kelly from whom you could get it, if you should care to look it over.

All goes well with us in the home life, the children all well and busy at school.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. R. Falconer

March 31, 1922.

Rev. Fred R. Falconer,
Ketchikan,
Alaska.

My dear Brother:-

It gives me pleasure to inform you that upon the recommendation of Dr. Young the Executive Council of the Board this morning voted that you should not only be allowed the furlough provided for the Alaska missionaries, but that a sum not exceeding \$300. would be available for your expenses whenever you find it necessary to send to the Treasurer for that sum, or any portion of it.

Hoping that the anticipated vacation will be of great benefit to yourself and to all the members of your family, I am, with heartiest good wishes,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

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Presbyterian Mission

REV. F. R. FALCONER, MISSIONARY
P. O. BOX 215

Ketchikan, Alaska,

April 10, 1922

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
110 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

Please find enclosed my report for quarter ending March 31st 1922.

At the meeting of Presbytery last week at Ketchikan I was commissioned to attend the meeting of the General Assembly. I will see you there and we will have a good long talk on Alaska in general and on Ketchikan, - the First City of Alaska, in particular.

I have received reports of the 11th 12th, granting parcels and warrants for land. I want to thank you for this. It will mean much to our settlers and will help them to live in Alaska and have a little of life outside of this country.

With very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. R. Falconer

*Given to
Rev. W. H. H. H.*

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Presbyterian Mission

REV. F. R. FALCONER, MISSIONARY
P. O. BOX 215

Ketchikan, Alaska, April 4, 1923

Dear Sunday School Friends:-

I wonder how many of you young people believe in witches, witch doctors, or, something perhaps more civilized, ghosts. About a year ago I told you something about the hold witchcraft still has on some of the native people of Alaska. Now I want to tell you a ghost story. This is a true story.

A high caste Indian met with an accident and was drowned. Now drowning is a death the Indian fears more than anything else, as he believes, that unless his body is recovered, he falls a prey to Koush-da, the land otter, who changes him into Koush-da-ka, land otter man. Koush-da keeps his captives very close and few ever escape when once taken by him; in which case there is no chance of the spirit ever reaching the happy hunting ground. The friends of this young man therefore, after consultation with old Yehoss, the witch doctor, to whom they gave blankets and money in payment for his medicine making efforts to locate the body, spent long anxious weeks and much money to the searchers, in a vain attempt to find the body. In the meantime noises at the doors and windows of the houses, which otherwise would be unnoticed, caused excitement and alarm among the people, who thought the spirit of the dead, or Koush-da-ka, was seeking an entrance.

A poor old woman living alone in a small log cabin heard a noise in the ghostly hours of the night that sent her screaming through the village street. A careful investigation by the missionary, who was among the first to arrive on the scene, finally traced the noise to the loft, into which he ascended and found an empty coal oil can from which Koush-da-ka, in the form of a mouse, was making frantic efforts to escape.

Our work is to teach the people that the sting of death is sin, over which we may have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; that the spirit returns to God who gave it and that on the great resurrection morn- in, when the dead in Christ shall rise, it will matter not how they have died or where they have slept, as even the sea will give up the dead which are in it. How blessedly we have been reminded of these things at this Easter season!

The work is making good progress; the people are growing in grace and in the knowledge of better things than that which belongs to the old life of darkness and superstition. They are receiving more of the light of God and as they walk in that light they gradually cease to believe in the things of which we have just written. There is more of a desire for Bible study here in Ketchikan than I have ever before seen. Twice a week we gather in the Mission Hall for that purpose; this is addition to the regular mid-week prayer meeting. We are glad you are interested in our work. Please pray for us often that the seed sown may bear fruit abundantly.

Sincerely yours,

F. R. Falconer

Report of (name of worker) J. R. Falconer For Month of January, 1924. At (name of field) Ketchikan + Ladna
 Type of Work (check which): Organized Church, Unorganized Preaching Point, Neighborhood House, Mission Sunday School.
 Synod Washington Presbytery Alaska County _____ If in country, nearest town _____ is _____ miles distant.

SUNDAY SERVICES	FIRST SUNDAY		SECOND SUNDAY		THIRD SUNDAY		FOURTH SUNDAY		FIFTH SUNDAY		TOTAL		
	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Offering	Attendance	Local Exp.	Benevolence
Morning Service:	45	1.00	50	1.10	30	1.00	51	1.15			176	4.25	
Afternoon Service:	50		52		33		50				185		
Evening Service:	No Service		3		65	6.30	22	1.05			90	7.35	
Sunday School:													
Young People's Meeting:													
Other Services:													
TOTAL											451	11.60	

GIVE ATTENDANCE FOR EACH ACTIVITY. (Indicate Sundays by drawing a circle around the date.)

WEEK-DAY ACTIVITIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total
Prayer Service		5		30					2		33					6		31					10		35					9		161
Woman's Missionary Society																																
Ladies Aid Society										9							8								11						10	38
Meeting for Men																																
Meeting for Young People																																
Meeting for Girls																																
Meeting for Boys																																
General Social Meeting																																
Choir, Orchestra, etc.																																
Week-day Religious Instruction																																
Other Activities																																
Total Attendance																																
Pastoral Calls																																45

MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING MONTH

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

FINANCIAL

If you are also reporting on other blanks for other points served, name them here:

On Confession 0

Church 43

Did church promptly fulfil its monthly obligation

By Letter 0

Sunday School

to you for salary? No; its other financial

Total Number Families

obligations? Yes

TO MISSIONARIES—Please Note:

1. To facilitate the prompt payment of salaries, the Board permits workers to file their vouchers on the 15th of each month for which salary is due. The monthly report, which is required to be submitted *with* the voucher, must necessarily be for the previous month, that is, the voucher for May salary will be filed with the report for April, and subsequent months in the same manner.

2. Community and lay workers will report only those activities for which they are personally responsible. Where there is a staff engaged in one enterprise with which the Board is cooperating, the pastor or head-worker will make a total and inclusive report of all its activities for the month.

3. If a missionary regularly serves more than one point, he will fill out a blank with salary voucher attached *for one church only*; another blank without voucher should be used for each other organized church served. Unorganized points served should be reported for on the blank used for the organized church to which they are most nearly related. The blanks without vouchers should be mailed in the same envelope with the voucher-report.

MONTHLY NARRATIVE

While a statistical report is important in showing the program of the work, its range of activities and the attendance thereon, it can neither embody the real spirit of what is going on nor do justice to the work and workers. Accordingly, please write below a brief statement each month telling of any particular problems faced, new developments, special occasions and incidents of encouragement. This material will be of help, also, to the Board's Educational Department.

The services during January were quite well attended and the interest, on the whole, has kept up fairly well. The spiritual life of the people we believe, is better than at any time during the winter. While there seems to be nothing of special interest to report, we believe that the Spirit of God is working in our midst; the results are with Him and He will bring to pass that which is best.

We have been having some fine meetings at Saxman this winter. The interest there in spiritual things continued good through out the month. The attendance at the Sunday and Friday night services averaged up about the same as for the month of December.

Our General Social Meeting this month was one of the best we have had at our Mission. It was given on a night when about forty of the Kasaan people were in Ketchikan on their way to the West Coast where they were to take part in special meetings at Hydaburg in which the Hydass of Masset, B.C. united with those of the two Hyda villages of Alaska. We gave them a grand send off in our social gathering, which we all enjoyed. There were present that night, besides a few whites, Thlingets, Hydass and Tsimpsheans, all of whom used the English language as the only means of inter-communication. The gospel of Jesus Christ has broken down Tribal reserve so that they now mingle freely; intermarry; co-operate in social and religious work and are as one, - they are one in Christ.

Our Free Readingroom is an interesting feature of the work this winter. It is becoming more and more freely used, especially in the evenings when the room is often well filled with young people, some reading, others looking at pictures and still others playing checkers and other simple games.

Report of (name of worker) J. R. Falconer For Month of March, 1924. At (name of field) Vetchikan + Salaman
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Morning Service:	34	1.-	40	1.-	45		33	1.-	35	1.-	187	4.-	
Afternoon Service:	40		24		43	4.50	29		29		165	4.50	
Evening Service:	25	5.40	20	1.50	50	5.35	23	1.55	22	1.70	140		15.50
Sunday School:													
Young People's Meeting:													
Other Services:													
TOTAL											492	8.50	15.50

GIVE ATTENDANCE FOR EACH ACTIVITY. (Indicate Sundays by drawing a circle around the date.)

WEEK-DAY ACTIVITIES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total
Prayer Service					16		33					10	33						10	28					11							141
Woman's Missionary Society																																
Ladies Aid Society						6						8								7						5						26
Meeting for Men																																
Meeting for Young People																																
Meeting for Girls																																
Meeting for Boys																																
General Social Meeting																																
Choir, Orchestra, etc.																																
Week-day Religious Instruction																																
Other Activities																																
Total Attendance																																167
Pastoral Calls																																35

MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING MONTH

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

FINANCIAL

If you are also reporting on other blanks for other points served, name them here:

On Confession.....

Church..... 41

Did church promptly fulfil its monthly obligation

Sunday School.....

to you for salary? no; its other financial

By Letter.....

Total Number Families.....

obligations? yes

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR DIRECTIONS — REPORT FOR ONE CHURCH ONLY ON THIS BLANK

TO MISSIONARIES—Please Note:

1. To facilitate the prompt payment of salaries, the Board permits workers to file their vouchers on the 15th of each month for which salary is due. The monthly report, which is required to be submitted *with* the voucher, must necessarily be for the previous month, that is, the voucher for May salary will be filed with the report for April, and subsequent months in the same manner.
2. Community and lay workers will report only those activities for which they are personally responsible. Where there is a staff engaged in one enterprise with which the Board is cooperating, the pastor or head-worker will make a total and inclusive report of all its activities for the month.
3. If a missionary regularly serves more than one point, he will fill out a blank with salary voucher attached *for one church only*; another blank without voucher should be used for each other organized church served. Unorganized points served should be reported for on the blank used for the organized church to which they are most nearly related. The blanks without vouchers should be mailed in the same envelope with the voucher-report.

MONTHLY NARRATIVE

While a statistical report is important in showing the program of the work, its range of activities and the attendance thereon, it can neither embody the real spirit of what is going on nor do justice to the work and workers. Accordingly, please write below a brief statement each month telling of any particular problems faced, new developments, special occasions and incidents of encouragement. This material will be of help, also, to the Board's Educational Department.

During March there was a slight falling off in the attendance at the morning and afternoon services due to the absence of some of the men on fishing and hunting trips; otherwise the interest in all of the services was as good as usual. Saxman has made good progress along all lines this winter. The day school is in better condition than it has been in years. The teacher was telling me a few days ago that he is to have \$2,000.00 for building purposes and he is to be in Saxman all summer either repairing the old school building or rebuilding it. Village homes have been repaired by their owners and considerable clearing of the grounds about the houses has been done; also the homes of the people have been kept cleaner than usual; they are inspected every week by the town police officer.

At Ketchikan the afternoon and evening services have been kept up. There has been considerable sickness among the natives; mostly flu and measles, which has interfered somewhat with the work cutting down the attendance. The Readingroom has been kept open as usual.

There was no visit made to Kasaan in March but we have seen Kasaan people from time to time and reports of the work there are good.